

REPORT

On October 17, 2014, at 5:20 a.m., a male 911 caller reported that he went to 296 Main Street, Apartment 2, to see if his friend, Mary Lucas, wanted a ride to work. After he arrived he discovered that she was dead and reported, "somebody had killed her." The caller did not identify himself and hung up shortly after he conveyed the information. Rockingham County dispatch made attempts to contact the male caller after he hung up, but those efforts were unsuccessful. Dispatch was able to confirm that the 911 call came from a cellular phone registered to Mary Lucas.

Members of the Fremont and Raymond Police Departments, and a member of the New Hampshire State Police initially responded to Lucas' residence. There, they met with the owner of the property who told them that Mary Lucas rented the back apartment from him. The officers went to Mary's apartment and discovered that the front door was unlocked. The officers went inside and observed that the apartment appeared clean and well kept, and that there were no signs of forced entry or a struggle. However, once in the bedroom the officers found Mary Lucas deceased on the bed. Mary had injuries consistent with manual strangulation.

The officers spoke to the property owner who said that on October 16, 2014, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Mary Lucas told him that she was going out to dinner with two of her children and her boyfriend, Michael Porter. The property owner recalled that Lucas, Porter and her children returned to Lucas's apartment at around 6:30 p.m. after dinner. At approximately 9:30 p.m., the property owner heard Michael Porter's truck engine start and then saw the truck leave. The property owner did not report hearing or seeing anything out of the ordinary that night.

As officers were maintaining control of the scene, they were approached by Peter Porter. Porter told them that his brother, Michael Porter, was Mary Lucas' boyfriend and that he (Peter) received a disturbing voicemail from Michael that morning at 6:04 a.m. Peter reported that in the voicemail, Michael said that he was "sorry" and "screwed up" and made a reference to leaving a key for him to open his lock box. After receiving the voicemail, Peter called Michael back, but was unable to reach him on the phone.

Investigators went to Michael Porter's residence at 88 Chester Road in Fremont in an effort to make contact with him. However, Michael was not at his residence and his truck was missing. The officers spoke to Michael's landlord, who indicated that he was missing his .22 caliber rifle.

Officers used cell phone information to determine that when Michael called his brother Peter at 6:04 a.m., he was in the vicinity of Jacob's Cove Road in Fremont. Investigators learned that Porter was familiar with that area as he was currently working at a nearby construction site.

Officers went to the woods near the construction site and discovered Michael Porter's body seated in the driver's seat inside his pickup truck. A black hose was found connected to the exhaust pipe of the truck and the other end of the hose led into the rear window of the cabin of

the truck. A .22 caliber rifle was located in between Porter's legs with the muzzle aiming up towards his face. Porter had sustained one fatal gunshot wound under his chin. One spent cartridge casing was located inside the rifle.

Peter Porter went to his brother's apartment and used a key, which appeared to be intentionally left out, to open Michael's lock box. There inside, Peter found a handwritten note addressed to him from his brother Michael. In the note, Michael apologized for the "mess he made" and indicated that he "lost it." The note makes clear that Michael felt insecure in his relationship with Lucas particularly because he felt like he was being used for his money. Michael also referenced that another male had been paying Lucas' rent. Michael included instructions where to bury his body.

After speaking to other people who knew Lucas and Porter, investigators learned that on the evening of October 16, 2014, Mary Lucas, Michael Porter and two of Lucas' adult children went to dinner. During the dinner, Lucas and Porter were drinking alcohol. After dinner, the parties returned to Mary Lucas' apartment. There, Porter seemed to become agitated and began breathing heavily. He told the children that he was alright and would tell them what was bothering him later. The children left their mother's apartment at around 8:00 p.m. Before they left, they offered to give Porter a ride home. Porter seemed really angry and declined, indicating that he would be leaving right behind them.

It appears that sometime after Lucas's children left, Porter killed Mary Lucas by strangling her in her bedroom. The following morning, at 5:20 a.m. Michael Porter called 911 and reported that Lucas had been killed. Then at 6:04 a.m., he called his brother Peter. At some point after leaving Peter a voicemail, Michael took his landlord's .22 caliber rifle and used it to shoot himself. Witnesses reported that Michael Porter had made suicidal statements in the past and believed that his relationship with Lucas may have been drawing towards an end.

Investigators believe that no one else was involved in the incident and since both parties are deceased, no criminal charges will be filed and the case will be closed.